

## EPA Region 3 Headlines: Feb. 5-11, 2022

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### **Virginia Mercury:** [ [HYPERLINK](#)

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Adam Ebbin, warned that if Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist, were confirmed, the new secretary would use his “intelligence and subject-matter expertise to do exactly what he did at the federal level — systematically deconstruct the regulations which protect our environment.”

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Nearly three dozen people are suing an Allentown company, accusing it of emitting a toxic gas that caused their cancer. The lawsuit alleges people living near B.Braun have an increased cancer risk of 200 times more than the average Pennsylvanian. According to its own studies in 2016, the EPA knew ethylene oxide or ETO was much more dangerous and cancer-causing than previously thought.

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Maryland has received a \$1.8 million federal grant to reduce diesel emissions at the Port of Baltimore by replacing trucks, forklifts and other equipment with electric vehicles and cleaner alternatives, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

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Coalfield Development Corp. of Wayne will receive a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for job training programs.